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# COMMISSIONER'S GUIDANCE ON SUBSTITUTE TEACHING

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## *Rule 21, Additional Days*

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Commissioner of Education

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# Commissioner's Guidance on Substitute Teaching Permit: Rule 21

**Subject:** Rule 21

**Topic Summary:** Local Substitute Teaching Permit - Additional Days

**Issue Date:** August 11, 2021

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2022

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) is aware of the shortage of substitute teachers in schools this year due to circumstances related to the pandemic. In an effort to increase substitute teacher capacity, the Commissioner will authorize additional days, beyond the 90 full-time days per school year currently allowed, for local substitute teaching permits upon request from a Nebraska school system that demonstrates need.

To facilitate school system requests, an email will be sent to superintendents with a link to request additional days for local substitute teaching permits. Once a request has been submitted, it will be reviewed and the school system will be notified of the authorization.

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